

Subject: Bavarian coin scale

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3501 Flourney Street

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Mr. Howland Wood

American Numismatic Society

156th Street and Broadway

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I am sending you a full size sketch of a pair of scales and rubbings of the bronze weights, also sketches of the weights at twice the original size. These scales have been in possession of my family for many years; some of my ancestors were miners in the Herz Mountains, Germany, and it is possible that they used them

in connection with their work.  
I should like to find out the  
probable age and period during  
which these scales were used.

Some time ago I sent these  
sketches to the Smithsonian  
Institution, Washington, D. C., but  
was advised by J. E. Graf, Associate  
Director, to apply to you, as you  
might be in a position to know  
more about them. Mr. F. A. Taylor,  
Curator of Engineering at the  
Institution states that the  
apparatus is undoubtedly a coin  
balance, but he is unable to  
judge as to its age.

I would appreciate it very much  
if you could furnish me some  
information about them.

Very truly yours

Emil Lader

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February 3, 1938.

Mr. Emil Lader,  
3501 Flournoy St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We are returning, herewith, the pictures of your coin scale. It was made in Bavaria, but I am unable to tell you the exact period. These scales are very interesting but not rare. They can be purchased for from two to three dollars.

Very truly yours,

Wm. L. Clark,  
Assistant Curator.

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Enclosures.